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TOWN OFFICERS

Town Clerk and Treasurer,
WARREN J. WRIGHT.

Selectmen,

OSGOOD L. LEACH, SAMUEL C. HOLTON,
FRANK W. KELLOGG.

School Committee,

NELLIE M. WOOD,	Term	Expires	1912
LEONARD R. SMITH,	"	"	1913
WILLIAM W. COE,	"	"	1914

Library Committee,

N. FAY SMITH,	Term	Expires	1912
H. W. MONTAGUE,	"	"	1912
ELLIOTT W. BROWN,	"	"	1913
NORMAN P. WOOD,	"	"	1913
ARTHUR E. WILSON,	"	"	1914
S. CATHERINE RICHARDSON,	"	"	1914

Librarian,
MRS. C. A. RANDALL.

Cemetery Commissioners,

FREEMAN A. HILLIARD,	Term Expires	1912
C. I. HOLTON,	" "	1913
GEORGE N. KIDDER,	" "	1914

Constables,

FRED W. DOANE, F. C. BRITTON,
F. H. WATSON.

Town Accountant,
BENJ. F. FIELD.

Tree Warden,
THOMAS H. HART.

Fence Viewers,

E. E. RUSSELL, F. W. DOANE,
F. E. HEALD.

Field Drivers,

CHARLES L. ROBBINS, JOHN L. DUNNELL,
GEORGE CARR.

Pound Keeper,
JAMES WALL.

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber,

C. R. NELSON,	C. E. LEACH.
FRANK WILLIAMS,	LEWIS FOWLER,
R. O. LEACH,	H. H. CHAMBERLIN,

Tax Collector,
MERRILL T. MOORE.

Sealer of Weights and Measures,
JOSEPH R. COLTON.

Fire Wardens,

C. H. WEBSTER, GEO. W. PIPER,
H. C. HOLTON, CHARLES L. GILBERT,
F. W. DOANE, A. A. NEWTON.

Registrars of Voters,

JOHN T. CALLIGHAN, FRED A. HOLTON,
FRANK H. MONTAGUE.

Inspectors of Provisions,

J. J. FISHER, F. A. HILLIARD,
F. E. HEALD, JOSEPH E. ROSS,
C. W. STRATTON.

Inspectors of Animals,

FRANK E. HEALD.

F. W. DOANE.
Forest Fire Warden,

Town Warrant.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

FRANKLIN, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Northfield in the County of Franklin. Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Northfield, on Monday, the fourth day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear the reports of the several town officers and committees, or act thereon.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year, the following to be on one ballot, viz: Town Clerk, Treasurer, three Selectmen, one Assessor for three years, Cemetery Commissioner for three years, three Constables, Tree Warden, also to bring in their ballots, yes or no, in answer to the following question: "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

ART. 4. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the taxes of the municipal year beginning February first, to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate $20,000, and to issue a note or notes thereafter payable within one year. Any debt or debts incurred under this note to be paid from the taxes of said municipal year.

ART. 5. To see if the town will raise and appropriate $75 for Memorial Day exercises, the same to be paid to and expended by G. A. R. Post 171, or act thereon.

ART. 6. To see if the town will raise and appropriate $150 for the care and improvement of cemeteries, or act thereon.

ART. 7. To see what action the town will take in regard to discount, or interest on taxes, or act thereon.

ART 8. To see if the town will vote the citizens of Northfield Farms leave to finish off a dining room and kitchen in the basement of the No. 4 school building, and right to use same for social gatherings, or act thereon.

ART. 9. To see if the town will finish off toilet rooms with flush closets in No. 4 schoolhouse for the use of the school, and raise and appropriate sum of money sufficient for this work, or act thereon.

ART. 10. To see if the town will raise and appropriate $600 to apply on Town Hall debt, or act thereon.

ART. 11. To see if the town will raise and appropriate $1,875, the amount of interest and tenth bond on the bridge debt, or act thereon.

ART. 12. To see if the town will raise and appropriate $432, the amount of payment with interest on schoolhouse debt, or act thereon.

ART. 13. To see if the town will raise and appropriate $416, the final payment with interest on sidewalk debt, or act thereon.

ART. 14. To see if the town will raise and appropriate $1,855 to apply on high school and Memorial hall debt, or act thereon.

ART. 15. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be necessary to defray town charges the ensuing year, or act thereon.

ART. 16. To determine the salary of the tax collector, or act thereon.

ART 17. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used by the tree warden in care and preservation of shade trees, or act thereon.

ART. 18. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to employ a school physician, in accordance with Chapter 502, Acts of 1906, or act thereon.

ART. 19. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay the cost of lighting the streets, or act thereon.

ART. 20. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for street sprinkling, or act thereon.

ART. 21. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to make permanent repairs on a portion of the road between Clinton A. Ware's and William Merriam's, or act thereon.

ART. 22 To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the steam-heating of the Dickinson Memorial Library, or act thereon.

ART. 23. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of $200 for repairing and painting the center Cemetery fence, or act thereon.

ART. 24. To see if the town will raise and appropriate $25 to varnish the town hearse, or act thereon.

ART. 25. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money, not to exceed $300, for the purpose of pay for extra electric lights at West Northfield main road, or act thereon.

ART. 26. To see if the town will place upon its official ballot the nominees for the office of Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library, or act thereon.

ART. 27. To see if the town will raise and appropriate $1,500, to co-operate with the state highway commission

in building a macadam road connecting with the present state highway and running north on Main street to Pine street, or act thereon.

ART. 28. To see if the town will reimburse Charles H. Webster $8.45, the amount paid by him to Northfield Press for the printing of the Accountant's Report, or act thereon.

ART. 29. To see if the town will vote to purchase from the assignees of A. W. Proctor the Mount Ezewbie lots, so-called, for a gravel bank, and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or act thereon.

ART. 30. To see if the town will vote to accept of the provisions of Chapter 244, Acts and Resolves of 1911; an act relative to fires in the open air, or act thereon.

ART. 31. To see if the town will light Warwick Avenue from East Street to Strowbridge Road, or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at the Post Offices, Northfield, East Northfield, West Northfield, Northfield Farms, and at the Schoolhouse, District No. 6, in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

OSGOOD L. LEACH,
SAMUEL C. HOLTON,
FRANK W. KELLOGG,

Selectmen
of
Northfield.

Selectmen's Report.

We are called upon at this time to render the annual town report, and we herewith submit for your consideration a statement of our doings in behalf of the town, also the several reports of those in charge of the various departments. In the following pages you will find a tabulated statement of the receipts and disbursements for the past year.

At the last annual meeting the town made its usual appropriations, which were found in most instances to be sufficient to meet the expenses incurred. While we have been able to meet these expenses, we would recommend that the appropriations for the following year be somewhat increased.

Our town should make some provision for the discount on taxes; during the past year there was nearly $22,000 of the taxes discounted at 4%. This you will readily see is quite an item in itself, the above item with the abatements, and the interest that must be paid for temporary loans cuts heavily into the contingent fund. After taking out the sum usually called for in caring for our poor there is not sufficient money left to always meet the needs as they arise.

Osgood L. Leach,
Samuel C. Holton,
Frank W. Kellogg,

Selectmen
of
Northfield.

HIGHWAYS.

J. L. Hammond, labor,	$ 2 00
J. Callighan, labor,	6 10
E. H. Whitcomb, labor,	26 00
J. F. Allen, labor,	5 50
F. Boassan, labor,	2 00
J. Dale, labor,	16 00
N. Greenwood, labor,	6 00
C. I. Holton, labor and team,	47 75
R. Phillips, labor and team,	68 00
J. Dale, labor,	8 00
J. Dale, labor,	22 00
W. B. Dresser, labor,	4 60
A. C. Field, labor,	13 50
O. S. Fisher, labor and teams,	90 00
R. Kenney, labor,	8 34
O. S. Fisher, labor and teams,	115 13
A. Miner, labor,	3 70
B. Lyman, labor,	1 20
O. Darling, labor,	6 65
G. H. Slate, labor,	11 00
F. H. Ross, labor,	8 46
F. H. Ross, labor,	2 55
S. C. Holton, labor and team,	12 35
D. O'Keefe, labor,	19 14
J. S. Ross, labor,	5 50
F. H. Ross, labor,	5 25
J. Dale, labor,	6 00
J. H. Dalton, labor and team,	22 50
C. E. Janes, labor,	2 00
A. H. McLean, labor,	6 30
R. Philip, labor and teams,	55 35
R. E. Long, labor and teams,	170 48
G. W. Piper, labor and teams,	102 70

C. I. Holton, labor and teams,	83 15
E. H. Whitcomb, labor and teams,	36 00
J. Dale, labor,	5 00
A. W. Ward, labor and teams,	24 75
G. N. Kidder, spikes,	6 88
G. W. Piper, labor and teams,	23 00
W. T. Campbell, labor,	3 50
I. A. Hoxie, team,	2 50
G. W. Piper, labor and team,	18 00
J. L. Hammond, labor and team,	55 64
T. E. Hart, labor,	11 00
T. Quinlan, team,	5 00
C. I. Holton,	19 25
T. Quinlan, labor and teams,	89 00
N. Greenwood, labor,	11 38
C. Bosworth, labor,	22 47
Otis Fisher, labor and teams,	57 57
B. Lyman, labor,	5 25
F. C. Britton, teams,	17 00
C. A. Ware,	4 00
J. H. Dalton, labor,	9 25
W. H. Dalton, labor,	6 10
G. T. Sawyer, labor,	3 00
F. C. Britton, teams,	5 25
L. W. Pratt, labor,	15 90
G. O. Dunnell, labor and team,	146 00
E. H. Whitcomb, labor,	8 66
R. Phillips, labor,	7 20
J. Bump, team,	9 60
C. I. Holton, labor and team,	42 95
L. Davis, labor,	1 00
O. Fisher, labor and team,	26 50
N. Greenwood, labor,	1 75
W. Kenney, labor.	8 75
C. Bosworth, labor,	13 13

L. A. Randall, labor,	14 00
R. Phillips, labor and team,	30 20
O. D. Adams, labor,	3 50
G. W. Piper, labor,	8 70
J. I. Ross, labor and team,	21 50
A. Wallett, labor,	39 25
E. Coughlin, labor,	11 00
C. I. Holton, labor and teams,	60 34
R. Phillips,	25 00
G. W. Piper,	24 00
C. A. Randall,	36 00
D. Howie, gravel,	6 00
R. Phillips, gravel,	1 75
Charles Field, gravel,	2 00
F. A. Hilliard, gravel,	50
R. Phillips, gravel,	4 05
G. O. Dunnell, gravel,	10 50
D. Howie, gravel,	4 30
R. Phillips, planks,	3 00
W. B. Dresser, planks,	3 05
J. Wall, planks,	7 50
T. Quinlan, planks,	298 47
F. I. Webster, fencing,	20 00
C. Fowler, fencing,	10 50
S. C. Holton, fencing,	5 25
E. T. Ward,	48 23
Bardwell, Stockwell & Co.,	11 00
	$2,239 55

Culvert.

N. E. Metal Culvert Co.,	$333 60
Northfield Seminary,	63 15
N. E. Metal Culvert,	32 20
	$428 95

Ferry.

A. A. Miner,	$ 8 97
A. J. Miner,	75 00
Robbins & Evans,	16 02
A. A. Miner,	12 67
	$112 66
Due from Gill, $56.33	

Street Lighting.

Greenfield Electric	$942 57

Street Sprinkling.

Village Improvement Society,	$125 00
Gravelling Road from F. L. Tyler's to Schell Bridge, C. I. Holton, labor and material,	$299 43

CONTINGENT

Assessors.

F. L. Tyler,	$ 3 75
S. C. Holton,	115 90
S. C. Holton,	111 24
C. A. Ware,	88 50
F. L. Tyler,	87 50
	$406 89

Election and Registration.

F. H. Montague,	$ 11 25
J. J. Callighan,	11 25
F. A. Holton,	11 25
F. W. Doane,	2 50
J. W. Field,	7 50
Northfield Press, printing,	3 75
C. E. Williams,	5 00
F. E. Aldrich,	7 50
J. W. Field,	2 50
H. W. Russell,	2 50
F. W. Doane,	8 50
F. E. Aldrich,	5 00
H. W. Russell,	2 50
J. W. Field	2 50
R. D. Ware,	10 00
J. T. Cummings,	7 50
R. O. Leach,	5 00
C. E. Leach,	7 50
	$113 50

Selectmen.

A. W. Proctor,	$ 89 50
O. L. Leach,	50 00
C. L. Robbins,	53 75
A. W. Proctor, clerk,	20 00
F. W. Doane,	12 00
Books, stationery, etc.,	47 45
	272 70

Town Clerk and Treasurer.

Salaries, fees, etc.,	$472 15
Sundries, stationery, supplies, etc.,	62 05
	$534 20

Auditor.

W. H. Waite,	$ 3 00
Certifying notes, Statistics Bureau,	9 00
	$12 00

Police.

F. W. Doane,	$ 2 50
District Court, fees, etc,	107 20
F. W. Doane,	4 00
F. H. Watson,	2 50
A. Wallett,	2 50
F. W. Doane,	15 00
F. H. Watson,	3 00
F. W. Doane,	8 00
F. W. Doane,	41 30
District Court,	51 27
	$237 27

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Robbins & Evans,	$ 45
W. & L. E. Gurley,	8 70
J. R. Colton,	35 80
J. R. Colton,	18 00
N. W. Keet,	45
	$63 10

Fire and Fire Warden.

Mrs. E. J. Thayer,	$ 5 00
F. W. Doane,	20 00
C. L. Gilbert,	6 00
Northfield Hose Co.,	43 00
F. Estabrook,	5 40
	$79 40

Care of Trees.

E. H. Starkey,	$3 00
E. A. Newcomb & Son,	3 95
Thomas H. Hart, trees,	102 55
Northfield Press,	1 50
T. H. Hart,	23 44
John E. Nye,	8 00
N. W. Keet,	2 45
G. N. Kidder,	1 35
C. E. Williams,	3 85
N. W. Keet,	1 40
	$151 49

Appropriated $200.

Forest Warden.

F. L. Proctor,	$ 2 00
F. W. Doan, and other brush fires,	50 00
	$52 00

Inspection of Animals.

F. E. Heald,	$90 00

Inspection of Meat and Provisions.

C. W. Stratton,	$3 50
F. A. Hilliard,	5 00
	$8 50

Health Department.

G. N. Kidder, repairs to hearse, and fumigating,	$40 00

Town Hall.

F. H. Watson, janitor and labor,	$ 80 25
N. Keet, repairing clock,	7 50
T. Quinlan, wood,	11 85
H. M. Bristol, plumbing,	3 27
C. E. Williams, gas,	49 46
G. N. Kidder, furnace,	12 65
Mrs. M. E. Proctor, cleaning,	27 00
Damon Safe Co., opening safe,	21 25
C. E. Williams, supplies,	2 31
F. W. Doane,	1 50
A. Wallett, labor,	6 05
	$223 09

Rents received during year, 24 00

Shed for Scraper.

S. C. Holton, labor and material,	$57 74

Sundry Accounts.

M. T. Moore, tax collector,	$100 00
C. H. Webster, insurance,	155 75
Northfield Press, printing Town Reports,	79 40
Painting Mill Brook bridge,	4 68
A. I. Merrill, winding town clock,	8 33
H. M. Briggs, land damage,	100 00
M. T. Moore, tax abatement,	25 87
	$474 03
Prosecuting liquor case,	$88 86

School Physician.

Dr. N. P. Wood,	$75 00

Memorial Day.

H. H. Johnson Post,	$75 00

Poor.

Expended for rent,	$ 23 70
Groceries and provisions,	$203 22
Medical attendance and medicine,	326 85
Board and care,	1,100 00
Transportation,	7 00
Miscellaneous expenses,	4 92
	$1,665 69

Due from Easthampton,	$334 94

ELISHA ALEXANDER FUND.

Mrs. B. F. Streeter,	$ 5 00
Mrs. Edwin O'Keefe,	10 00
Mrs. Martha Holton,	5 00
Mrs. Thomas Hart,	5 00
Misses Emma and Hattie Hilliard,	5 00
Mrs. Fannie Colton,	5 00
Mrs. Jennie Davis,	10 00
	$45 00

STATE AID.

Sundry persons,	$470 00

Assessor's Tabulated Report.

Value of assessed real estate,	$1,181,700
Value of assessed personal estate,	201,405
Total,	$1,383,105

Number of polls assessed,	417
Number of polls exempt,	14
Number of horses assessed,	405
Number of cows assessed,	623
Number of neat cattle other than cows,	271
Number of sheep assessed,	67
Number of swine assessed,	182
Number of dwellings assessed,	545
Number of acres of land assessed,	19,573

Assessment for 1911.

Town Appropriations.

Memorial Day,	$ 75	
Cemeteries,	150	
Town Hall debt,	600	
No. 2 schoolhouse debt,	400	
Bennett's Meadow Bridge debt,	1,392 50	
Sidewalk debt,	400	
High school and Memorial Hall,	1,900	
Schools in general,	4,000	
Books and supplies,	500	
Repairs,	300	
Conveyance,	800	
Superintendent,	300	
Contingent and poor,	4,500	
Highways,	3,000	
Library,	700	
Tree warden,	200	
Graveling road to Shell bridge,	300	
Street lighting,	1,050	
Loan refunding,	1,200	
Town Hall curtain,	300	
Hose House shed,	100	
Street sprinkling,	125	
W. G. Slate's road,	300	
High school building,	600	
		$23,192 50
State tax,	$1,980 00	
State highway tax,	58 00	
County tax,	2,289 04	
Overlay,	285 00	
		4,612 04

Raised on polls,	$ 834 00
Raised on personal property,	3,927 40
Raised on real estate,	23,043 14
	$27,804 54

SAMUEL C. HOLTON,
CLINTON A. WARE,
F. LESLIE TYLER,
} Assessors of Northfield.

REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS.

We submit our report for the past year for consideration. The cemeteries have had the usual care as in the past, and we would recommend that the same amount ($150) be raised and appropriated for the coming year. We would also recommend to raise and appropriate the sum of $200 for repairs and painting fence in Central cemetery.

Paid for care of cemeteries as follows:

Central cemetery,	$108 00
Northfield Farms and Northfield Mountain,	21 30
Dickinson,	11 75
Mt. Hermon,	6 00
	$147 05

Appropriation,		$150 00
Balance,	$2 95	
Paid for care of private lots:		
Central cemetery,	$66 41	
Northfield Farms,	16 00	
	$82 41	
Interest funds for private lots,		150 44
Total amount expended,	$229 46	
Balance unexpended,	70 98	
	$300 44	$300 44
Received for sale of lots:		
Northfield Farms,	$10 00	
Dickinson cemetery,	24 00	
Central cemetery,	40 00	
	$74 00	

C. I. Holton,
G. N. Kidder,
F. A. Hilliard,
} Commissioners.

In addition to above I would recommend the sum of $25.00 be raised and appropriated to varnish the town hearse.

George N. Kidder.

Financial Condition of the Town.

Liabilities.

S. C. Holton, selectman,	73 74
S. C. Holton, assessor,	31 25
Greenfield Savings Bank,	$6,000 00
O. L. Leach, selectman,	67 50
F. W. Kellogg, selectman,	70 00
M. T. Moore, collector,	100 00
O. L. Leach, incidental expenses,	7 19

Bonded Debt.

Bennet's Meadow Bridge. Bonds Payable.

$1,000 annually, with interest at 3½%,	250 00
East Northfield school house, payable $400 annually,	800 00
Town Hall, payable $600 annually,	1,200 00
Sidewalk, payable $400 annually,	400 00
High school building, payable $1,000 annually,	19,000 00
Greenfield Savings Bank, payable $1,200 annually,	4,800 00

Assets.

Due from estate of Miss Clowes,	$ 102 15
Due from town of Gill,	11 67
Due from town of Easthampton,	334 94
Due from collector, 1910 tax,	224 16
Due from collector, 1911 tax,	5,604 55
Cash in hands of treasurer,	6,859 59

Treasurer's Report.

Town of Northfield in Account with W. J. Wright, Treasurer.

	Cr.
By balance from previous year's account,	$7,052 11
By cash from M. T. Moore, collector 1909 taxes (settled),	86 43
By cash from town of Gill account, ferry account,	12 03
By cash from O. L. Leach, account Farms Hall, rent,	28 00
By cash from W. J. Wright, executor account residue Belcher estate to Dickinson Memorial Library,	8,485 52
By cash from town of Bernardston, account planking Bennett's Meadow bridge,	93 39
By cash from L. R. Smith, account E. M. Humphreyville, error,	500 00
By cash from F. L. Proctor, account A. M. D. Alexander estate, rent,	75 00
By cash from town of Gill, account 50% Munn's ferryboat,	182 98
By cash from Greenfield Savings Bank, 5-year loan at 4½%,	6,000 00
By cash from Greenfield Savings Bank, temporary loan at 4½%,	6,000 00
By cash from A. F. Tolman, account pool table license,	2 00
By cash from O. L. Leach, account Ella Stratton estate,	500 00
By cash from E. F. Howard, account pay roll, error,	5 00
By cash from Greenfield Savings Bank, account temporary loan,	6,000 00
By cash from S. C. Holton, account peddlers' license,	8 00

By cash from S. E. Minot, account sidewalk,		49 18
By cash from W. J. Wright, correction, error,		344 08
By cash from F. W. Kellogg, account peddler's license,		7 00
By cash from Charles H. Webster, account sidewalk,		
N. W. Keet,	$58 27	
W. J. Brigham,	7 72	
William R. Moody,	19 82	
L. R. Smith,	24 01	
Kate G. M. Alexander,	16 70	
		126 52
George P. Mattoon,	$53 90	
Harry Winters,	8 42	
F. B. Caldwell,	36 33	
		98 65
By cash from Wm. S. Allen, account fine,		21 16
By cash from E. F. Howard, account Field lot, hay,		10 00
By cash from L. R. Smith, account superintendent of schools,		500 00
By cash from state treasurer, account inspection of animals,		42 25
By cash from Charles H. Webster, account sidewalk, George F. Pentacost,		158 28
By cash from Charles H. Webster, account sidewalk S. H. Smith,		27 77
By cash from George Barlow, account interest loan, Mrs. Perham,		6 00
By cash from William S. Allen, account fines,		75 00
By cash from L. H. Smith, account sale of stones, Field lot,		1 00
By cash from F. W. Doane and F. L. Proctor, assignees, 30% claim,		2,025 01

By cash from state treasurer, account corporation tax	$633 06	
Corporation tax,	108 86	
National Bank,	167 72	
State aid,	572 00	
		1,481 64
By cash from state treasurer account high school tuition,		500 00
By cash from Ct. Vt. R. Co., account water pipe at station,		30 00
By cash from O. L. Leach, account C. C. Stearns, damage account road (check returned),		50 00
By cash from town hall account rent,		24 00
By cash from Conn. Valley L. Co., account logs at ferry,		6 00
By cash from county treasurer, account wildcat,	$ 5 00	
Account bound stones,	27 00	
		32 00
By cash from county treasurer, account returned,		181 00
By cash from Franklin Savings Institution:		
Charles Alexander,	$8 08	
James White,	4 04	
Cemetery interest:		
A. M. D. Alexander,	12 12	
Miss Young,	4 04	
A. W. Moody,	4 04	
E. and E. Stratton,	4 04	
Wm. H. Stratton,	4 04	
A. Sawyer,	4 04	
M. A. and E. Belcher,	40 40	
		84 84

By cash, state treasurer, account Massachusetts school fund,		907 10
By cash, F. W. Kellogg, account Lucretia Holton, cemetery fund interest,		2 60
By cash, E. S. Herrick, account pool table license,		2 00
By cash, M. M. Hammond, account M. S. Stearns (refunded),		35 00
By cash from Whitten & Simonds, cemetery fund interest,		3 00
By cash, O. S. Fisher, account Chapin farm quitclaim deed,		25 00
By cash, G. M. Kidder, account sale cemetery lots,		74 00
By cash, interest Belcher trust funds, Dickinson Memorial Library,		625 00
By cash, interest Belcher trust funds, Centre school,		100 40
By cash, interest Belcher trust funds, Centre cemetery,		60 00
By cash, Nellie M. Wood, account school tuition,		459 50
By cash, N. P. Wood, account A. M. D. Alexander estate, rent,		95 76
By cash, Charles S. Warner, account electric lights:		
Charles Mattoon,	$11 73	
West Northfield,	6 00	
F. L. Proctor,	5 87	
William R. Moody,	11 73	
William C. Roberts,	11 73	
		47 06
By cash, M. T. Moore, collector, account 1910 taxes,		3,600 00
By cash, M. T. Moore, collector, account 1911 taxes,		22,200 00
		$69,148 26

		Dr.
To paid selectmen's order outstanding,		$ 1,433 52
To paid accountants town warrants,		21,991 08
To paid Interstate Mortgage Trust Co., account bonds,	$5,000 00	
To paid E. H. Rollins, account bonds,	2,813 43	
To paid E. H. Rollins, account bonds,	537 25	
To paid Franklin Savings Institution account bank book,	138 42	
		8,489 10
To paid account town warrants,		30,374 97
To cash balance on hand,		6,859 59
		$69,148 26

WARREN J. WRIGHT,
Treasurer.

Northfield, Mass., Feb. 5th, 1912.

Report of the School Committee of Northfield, for the Year Ending February 1912.

To the Citizens of Northfield:

We take pleasure in presenting the following report of the income and expenditures for schools during the year just closed.

The proper housing of our high school is now an accomplished fact, made possible by the completion of the new building, and its suitableness for the needs of the high school is clearly proved by the experiences of the year thus far.

The care of this building has been intrusted to a capable and energetic janitor who has spared no effort to keep it clean, sanitary, and comfortable.

Some additional expense for janitor and for fuel has been made necessary, not all of which appears in this year's expenses. A considerable amount of coal was carried over from last year, making the expenditure for this year much less than the normal amount.

A third teacher on full time was engaged at the beginning of the school year in September, thus making our teaching force equal to all demands upon the school for some time.

By removing the high school from the old building, conditions were made much more satisfactory there, both as to accommodation and management. In this building, too, the result of careful attention to the duties of janitorship has made comfort and cleanliness a constant satisfaction.

The other schools of the town have been maintained in the usual manner and efficiency.

The extreme cold of this winter has brought discomfort to some of the schools, Number 3 being the greatest sufferer.

It may be necessary to make some changes there in order to have a comfortable condition of warmth possible.

The rural school building presenting the best condition of comfort is the one at Northfield Farms. A warm cellar and an ample hall warmed by a stove for that purpose only solve the problem of heat most satisfactorily and suggest the remedy in other cases.

The demands of the people for the preservation of the health and the comfort of their children are constantly made evident by their requests for some additional provision for conveyance, for school supplies, for sanitary arrangement, or for comfort. All this is right and indicates only that we are earnest in our desire that everything not only absolutely necessary but also those things that are desirable and which other progressive school systems provide for their children shall be provided for ours.

The recommendations for next year's appropriation have been submitted to the Town Accountant and through him to the Selectmen.

Hereafter the report of the School Committee to the State Board of Education will be made in June or July instead of in April, and will be based upon the school year closing in June, and upon a financial year closing in June. For this reason the Report of the Superintendent of Schools will be issued in June this year, and it will be mailed to the citizens, as usual, at that time.

We have made our recommendations for next year upon the supposition that the schools will be maintained substantially as they have been this year. We believe that our educational system was never more complete and that all should unite in the effort to render the system as efficient as possible.

Parents and others are earnestly requested to take even a greater interest than hitherto in the work of our schools and to visit them personally and to confer with the superin-

tendent, teachers, or members of the committee. Such a personal interest will not only encourage the teachers but will undoubtedly quicken the pupils to greater endeavor.

Respectfully submitted,

L. R. Smith,
Nellie M. Wood,
W. W. Coe,
School Committee.

SCHOOLS.

Financial Statement.

Resources.

Massachusetts school fund,	$907 10
Belcher bequest,	100 40
Tuition,	459 50
Error,	5 00
High school,	500 00
On account of superintendent of schools,	500 00
Dog fund,	181 00
Town appropriation:	
General,	4,000 00
Conveyance,	800 00
Books and supplies,	500 00
Superintendent,	300 00
Repairs,	300 00
	$8,553 00

Expenditures.

Superintendent, 13 months,	$780 00
Janitors,	412 33
Conveyance,	930 50
Books and supplies,	484 96
Fuel,	246 07
Repairs,	119 94
Miscellaneous,	270 24
Teachers, salaries,	5,455 50
	$8,699 54

Teachers' Salaries.

L. R. Howard,	$500 00
Pauline Sikes,	500 00
Gertrude Callender,	105 00
Sue A. Thompson,	500 00
Viola E. Haven,	441 50
Gerda L. Huntoon,	415 00
Emma L. Hutchins,	212 50
Lottie E. Evans,	364 00
Gincie F. Gould,	366 00
Edna H. Tarbell,	170 00
Lura L. Berry,	150 00
Carrie M. Merchant,	97 50
A. A. Cain,	140 00
Clara E. Hinman,	80 00
Edward M. Tucker,	500 00
Rena A. Decatur,	190 00
Helena M. Dickinson,	190 00
S. L. Dorsey,	124 00
Fannie E. Kendrick,	190 00
Ethel E. Sandell,	200 00
	$5,455 50

Superintendent of Schools.

Elmer F. Howard, 13 months,	$780 00

Janitors.

A. S. Merrill, Center,	$31 50
E. Newton, Howard, East,	58 00
Ernest Howard, Center,	3 50
Gincie Gould, West,	10 50
Edna H. Tarbell, No. 3,	10 50
Carrie M. Merchant, No. 6,	10 00
L. R. Howard, Center,	17 50
Joseph Waite, Center,	17 50
Frank Perauld, Center,	208 33
Fannie E. Kendrick, West,	7 50
Rena A. Decatur, No. 3,	7 50
S. L. Dorsey, No. 6,	8 00
Ed. Stratton, Farms,	18 00
C. I. Holton, West,	4 00
	$412 33

Books and Supplies.

E. E. Babb & Co.,	$343 42
J. L. Hammett Co.,	32 09
Oliver, Ditson & Co.,	15 85
Scott, Foresman & Co.,	12 50
Durkin Reeves & Co.,	3 00
American Book Co.,	10 48
Funk, Wagnalls Co.,	6 11
C. C. Birchard & Co.,	3 66
Alvin George,	3 33
Robbins & Evans,	15 49
Gerda L. Huntoon,	91
Smith Music Pub. Co.,	42
E. F. Howard,	1 95
Silver, Burdette & Co.,	3 75

C. E. Williams,	24 10
Town of Warwick,	3 00
The Book Store,	10
N. M. Wood Co.,	4 80
	$484 96

Conveyance.

G. H. Lyman, No. 3 and No. 5,	$400 00
Ernest Billings, No. 9,	106 25
Henry Carey, No. 9,	118 75
A. W. Richter, No. 5,	12 50
W. F. Hammond, West,	26 00
S. F. Dyer, No. 5,	35 00
D. H. Sprague, C. V. mileage,	50 00
W. G. Slate, No. 9,	7 50
C. I. Holton, West,	47 50
H. C. Holton, West,	36 00
C. H. Otis, West,	56 00
Joseph Bassett,	35 00
	$930 50

Fuel.

Mrs. J. E. Merriman,	$13 50
C. I. Holton,	46 00
G. W. Piper,	17 00
Walter Parker,	1 00
Ray Dresser,	2 25
Thomas Quinlan,	32 00
G. O. Dunnell,	129 07
Ed. Stratton,	5 25
	$246 07

Repairs.

G. W. Piper, No. 6,	$37 55
H. H. Mason,	1 50
A. Wallett,	5 00
H. C. Lamson,	2 25
S. C. Holton,	2 00
H. M. Bristol, furnaces, etc.,	71 64
	$119 94

Miscellaneous.

E. F. Howard,	$36 62
N. W. Keet,	80
G. N. Kidder,	45 02
D. L. Proctor,	19 02
Northfield Press,	75 80
Town of Gill, tuition,	29 50
H. A. Reed,	1 80
G. H. Lyman,	2 00
J. W. Field,	9 00
East Northfield Water Co.,	21 37
F. W. Harness,	2 00
Nellie M. Wood, census and expense,	21 31
Northfield Water Co.,	6 00
	$270 24

DICKINSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY.

Mar.	6.	Appropriation,	$700 00
July	12.	Interest, Belcher funds,	135 00
Sept.	20.	Interest, Belcher funds,	222 50
Oct.	1.	Interest, Belcher funds,	150 00
1912			
Jan.	1.	Interest, Belcher funds,	112 50
			$1,320 00

Expended.

Repairs to Building.

Max Huber & Co., painting, etc.,	$223 75
H. M. Bristol, plumbing,	5 60
N. W. Keet,	1 25
C. E. Williams, gas burners,	3 20
	$233 80

Books.

C. E. Lauriat Co.,	$77 09
C. E. Lauriat Co.,	43 45
Houghton, Mifflin Co.,	23 75
Charities Pub. Co.,	6 64
Baker & Taylor,	24 11
	$175 04

Magazines and Papers.

C. B. Wilson,	$37 25
Outlook Co.,	2 00
Northfield Press,	1 00
E. A. Hall & Co.,	1 85
	$42 10
Librarian's salary,	$150 00
Ethel Jackson, labor on books,	15 00
	$165 00
Janitor's salary,	$150 00
Extra labor on wood,	10 00
	$160 00

Fuel and Lighting.

N. P. Wood, wood, 10 cords,	$50 00
C. E. Williams, gas,	52 12
	$102 12

Rebinding Books and Magazines.

N. E. Bindery,	$32 94
C. H. Webster, insurance on books,	37 50
Northfield Water Co.,	6 00
N. E. Telephone Co.,	$19 25
Sundry supplies and printing,	11 40
W. J. Pentland, expert advice,	2 12
	$987 27
Balance,	$332 73

High School and Memorial Hall Account to Feb. 1st, 1912.

Appropriation by the town,		$21,100 00
Alexander fund,		6,916 36
		$28,016 36
Paid:		
E. M. Humphreville,	$18,408 00	
C. L. Johnson, plumbing,	725 00	
Brian Heating Co.,	1,051 00	
Horton & Walker, wiring,	349 03	
E. M. Humphreville, extra work and material,	742 07	

A. W. Holton, architect,	7 50	
For building lot,	3,800 00	
Furniture,	510 50	
Roland Oakes Co.,	70 00	
Grading grounds,	374 15	
Walks,	198 05	
E. J. Canning,	19 50	
Clearing the lot and grading,	173 57	
Geo. N. Kidder, tile and cement,	29 70	
Balance available,	815 79	
		$28,016 36

Report of the Library Trustees.

The Trustees of Dickinson Memorial Library have the honor to submit the following report for the year ending Feb. 17, 1912:

No internal repairs of moment had been made in the library building since its dedication and consequently much of the interior had become soiled and marred. During the summer all the window frames and sash were painted inside and out; all of the delivery room, reading room and reference room walls were repaired and retinted; the sheathing was cleaned and redressed; the whole of the wood work of the vestibule was scraped and the upper hall was similarily treated besides much other work urgently needed was done, all at a cost of $223.75.

The acetylene gas plant was dismantled last month which made it necessary to install electric lights in the library. Fortunately the library building was wired for electricity when it was erected but the work and fixtures necessary to effect the change cost $219.23. Your trustees have received from the executor of the Belcher Sisters' estate an additional sum of $8,485.52, making a total from that source of $13,485.52. All this is invested in bonds and mortgages which will yield an income of over $700 annually. Hence in years of ordinary expense of administration a smaller appropriation by the town than heretofore will be sufficient. The heating facilities in the library building never have been sufficient for comfort during our long cold winters, and your trustees have evolved a plan of steam heating which will cost about $750. This method of heating seems to us imperative if the building is to be comfortably warm. Accordingly, we ask for an appropriation of $700 for the ensuing year for this purpose. We regret to say that no relics have been

either donated or loaned during the past year. There is ample and appropriate room for such and they add much to the interest and value of our library.

The following books have been given during the past year:

Mrs. J. B. Wood,	2 Vols.
Mr. David Tipton,	1 Vol.
United States,	12 Vols.
State,	18 Vols.

Appended is the report of the librarian.

N. P. Wood,
A. E. Wilson,
H. W. Montague,
S. Catherine Richardson,
N. Fay Smith,
Elliott W. Brown,

Library Committee.

Librarian's Report for the Year Ending Feb. 3, 1912.

Volumes in library last report,	7,308
Purchased past year,	125
Given past year,	33
Magazines, bound volumes,	16
Total in library,	7,466

Number of families patrons of library,	255
Individual patrons of library,	45
Number of books taken by families,	12,684
Number of books taken by public schools,	275
Number of books taken by visitors,	304
Magazines circulated,	1,672
Total circulation,	13,935

Balance on hand last report,	$ 8 40
Received for books lost,	60
Received for magazines bound,	4 20
Received for sale of carbide,	3 50
Received for books,	2 25
Gift from Mrs. J. C. Boyer,	2 00
Fines collected,	15 20
Received for Fortnightly Society, gas,	1 50
	$37 65
Express, freight, and cartage on books;	$ 8 12
Incidental expenses,	14 44
Balance,	$15 09

Publications subscribed for in reading room,	22
Publications given reading room,	9
Number of readers using room,	2,496

MRS. C. A. RANDALL,
Librarian.

Report of Committee on Appropriations for 1912.

The committee appointed at the last Annual Meeting to consider appropriations for the coming year, herewith recommend the following:—

Bennett's Meadow Bridge Debt	1875.00
Memorial Hall and School house Debt	1855.00
Town Hall Debt	600.00
East Northfield School house Debt	432.00
Sidewalk Debt	416.00
Street lights	1200.00
Contigent and Poor	4500.00
Highways	3000.00
Schools	6400.00

This is to include text books and supplies, repairs, conveyance, and Superintendent.

Library	700.00

With the understanding that hereafter the interest on the fund will sustain it

Cemeteries	100.00
Memorial Day	75.00
Street Sprinkling	125.00
Tax Collector	200.00

With the understanding that he shall furnish his own bond and pay for printing, stationery and postage, himself.

Tree Warden, for care and setting of trees	100.00
Painting and Repairing Cemetery Fence	200.00
Varnishing Hearse	25.00
Purchase of Gravel Bank not to exceed	150.00
Repairing Road on Ware's Flat	500.00
Toilet Room at Farms School not to exceed, complete	300.00
School Physician	50.00
C. H. Webster, bill for printing	8.45
Installing five electric lights on road to So. Vernon	58.70
Installing three electric lights on Warwick Ave.	35.22
	$22905.37

We recommend that the $1200, to be paid on the loan, be taken from the money paid the town by the Assignee's of the Proctor Property.

We also recommend that $1000 be taken from this money to co-operate with the Mass. Highway Commission, if they will build us a macadam road from the N. H. State line near Leon R. Alexander's to Pine Street.

Clinton A. Ware
Frank H. Montague
Cola R. Nelson
Charles C. Stearns